

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 2-4 are now present in this application. Claim 4 is independent.

Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled, and claims 2-4 have been amended.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. Reasons for Entry of Amendments

At the outset, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered into the Official File in view of the fact that the amendments to the claims automatically place the application in condition for allowance.

In the alternative, if the Examiner does not agree that this application is in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered for the purpose of appeal. This Amendment reduces the issues on appeal by canceling rejected claims 1 and 5, and rewriting objected-to allowable claim 4 into independent form. This Amendment was not presented at an earlier date in view of the fact that Applicants did not fully appreciate the Examiner's position until the Final Office Action was reviewed.

II. Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for

foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

III. Drawings

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review PTO-948 indicating that the formal drawings have been approved by the Draftsperson.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gasper in view of Orengo. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled, thus rendering the portion of this rejection with respect to claims 1 and 5 moot.

With regard to the rejection of claims 2 and 3, while not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 and 3

have been amended to depend from allowable claim 4, which has been rewritten in independent form as set forth below.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

V. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claim 4 is objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in this application. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form, and should therefore be allowed. Reconsideration and allowance of independent claim 4 is respectfully requested.

VI. Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

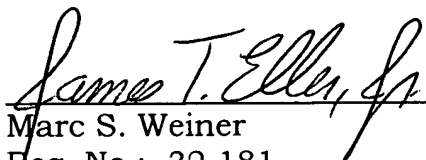
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled.

The claims have been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) [A] The photographic photosensitive material according to claim [1] 4, wherein said color correcting function is due to at least one of a colored coupler and an interimage effect.

3. (Amended) [A] The photographic photosensitive material according to claim [1] 4, wherein said sharpness enhancing function is due to a DIR coupler.

4. (Amended) A photographic photosensitive material [according to claim 1,] which either has only one of or none of a color correcting function for carrying out color correction of an image which has been subjected to developing processing and a sharpness enhancing function for enhancing sharpness of the image which has been subjected to developing processing, wherein an identification code is recorded on said photographic photosensitive material, said identification code expressing that said photographic photosensitive material either has only one of or none of said color correcting function and said

sharpness enhancing function, and wherein said identification code is recorded optically or magnetically onto said photographic photosensitive material, or is recorded onto a storage element provided at a cartridge accommodating said photographic photosensitive material.